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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 970/045
Serial No. 09/377,120	Filing Date August 19, 1999	Examiner W. Donald Bray	Group Art Unit 3725
Inventor(s) Robert D. Brand			
Title of Invention METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RETAINING A FLITCH FOR CUTTING			

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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Rate	Add'l Fee
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x \$41 =	0
+ \$135 =	0
total add'l fee	\$0

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- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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